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**From:** Barb Ferretti <barbf@mail.bcpl.lib.md.us>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 10:02pm  
**Subject:** internet charges

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this message to request that you not grant the major phone companies' petition to charge for internet usage time. I feel that this would defeat the purpose of the internet and would discourage use of this wonderful service and would limit the opportunities it provides to many people. This administration has encouraged internet use, but such line/time charges would severely cut this use back for the "average" home.

Thank you for hearing my thoughts.

Barbara Ferretti  
Baltimore, MD

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**From:** Steve Partney <wrangler@popalex1.linknet.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 11:18pm  
**Subject:** phone company long distance charges on the net

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Office of Secretary

Dear Sir or Madam,

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I would just like to express my opinion on the issue of phone companies billing internet users long distance charges to use the lines. I am an 18 year old student and use the internet for research for class and also entertainment. I do not think that it is right for the companies to have the right to bill us for using the lines. We already pay for using the internet and we do not have the extra money to pay for any extra charges.

As a student I see the importance for a cheaper link to the internet be it for studies or entertainment. As a person I see the greedy companies trying to suck the public dry in every way possible.

Thank You For Your Time

Stephen Partney

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From: <Taminar@aol.com>  
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)  
Date: 11/13/96 11:39pm  
Subject: Internet Fees

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I understand that the major phone companies are petitioning the FCC to charge Internet users a fee, much like long distance, to use their telephone lines for all their on-line time.

Charges for the use of the phone line, in addition to online service provider fees, would restrict many people from using Internet services, including e-mail, bulletin boards, chat groups and the World Wide Web. I am barely able to afford the monthly online fees as it is, and the addition of new charges to use a local phone number to access those online services would force me to stop using them. I work nights, but online services are available when I have the time to use them, no matter what time of day or night that is. The Internet also provides outlets to people who have health problems or disabilities, many of whom live on fixed incomes.

The phone companies are in no danger of bankruptcy due to usage of phone lines for Internet connection. Please do not allow them to bankrupt the users.

Auriette Lindsey  
Pensacola, Florida

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**From:** loralie cecotti <lcecotti@linknet.kitsap.lib.wa.us>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/14/96 1:30am  
**Subject:** phone fees

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Please protect the thousands of internet users from phone fees. For most of us, we'd have to limit ourselves to local info, a real loss to the entire country if we cannot share all the sources out there. Information means education and education is what keeps us the greatest nation in the world.

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**From:** NinaM <NinaM@concentric.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/14/96 3:12am  
**Subject:** Internet Phone Charges!

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this is part of a note I received regarding major phone >companies are petitioning the FCC to charge Internet users a fee, much like

>long distance, to use their telephone lines for all their on-line time.

I think this should not be done. We already are paying fees to use online time, plus the phone companies charge way too much and the service is extremely poor. I am sure that there will be a lot of irate people having a fee charged besides a fee for joining the internet. I do not feel this should be put onto consumers. Nina

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**From:** Susan C. Stevenson <susie@voicenet.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/14/96 5:54am  
**Subject:** charging an internet fee

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. CHARGING A FEE FOR PHONE LINE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET WOULD BE MORALLY WRONG AND A HEINOUS INFRICTION ON THE RIGHTS OF MILLIONS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO ACCESS THE WEB THROUGH A LOCAL PHONE CALL.

Accessing the web through a local call makes it possible for ordinary citizens to "surf" the internet. Many of us have searched to find a local provider in order to make the web available to our children. Education, entertainment, and a broader sense of the world, are just the beginning of internet access. If you allow a fee to be charged for merely using the phone line on a local call you will destroy some peoples only means of access.

Thank you so much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Susan Stevenson susie@voicenet.com

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From: <pac@eskimo.com>  
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)  
Date: 11/16/96 1:45am  
Subject: Re: Internet fees

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Dear FCC:

Please do not allow phone companies to charge internet users an on-line fee. This would be unfair to the millions of internet users who already pay fees both for their telephones and for access to the internet through their providers. Whether internet access numbers are on local lines or long distance, the telephone companies are already paid for the lines and service they provide. They are not entitled to double payment.

We members of the public depend upon the FCC, as the public agency appointed to look after the public interest, to protect us from the greed of telephone companies whose goals are focused only on increasing profits, often at the expense of service to their customers. The company I must use, U.S. West, has cut back its customer and technical service here in Washington State dramatically in recent years, while complaints have increased from a few hundred to several thousand per year. Despite its dismal record, the company persists in attempts to more than double basic rates, despite record profits.

The internet has become a major factor in the exchange of information and technology in the U.S., and it now performs a vital educational service throughout the school and university systems of our nation. Please don't allow companies whose sole interest is in an expanding bottom line to victimize the public by demanding double payment for services they provide.

Patricia Collinge pac@eskimo.com

> >> On a news broadcast last night from Denver, they said that the  
> major phone  
> >>companies are petitioning the FCC to charge Internet users a fee, much like  
> >>long distance, to use their telephone lines for all their on-line time.  
> >> I am sending you the e addy for the FCC. Would you please send this  
> >>message to all your e-mail contacts asking them to write a short message to  
> >>the FCC in an effort to implore them NOT to grant the phone companies this  
> >>request?  
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From: <CWhiteRpr@aol.com>  
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Date: 11/14/96 7:56am  
Subject: Telephone Companies Requesting Internet User Fees

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Office of Secretary

On a news broadcast last night from Denver, they said that the major phone companies are petitioning the FCC to charge Internet users a fee, much like long distance, to use their telephone lines for all their on-line time.

Please, please, please, do not grant this petition! Internet providers are just getting the rates down to where everyone can have access to this wonderful resource; don't let the telephone companies greed mess it up.

Cherie White

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**From:** Stacy Ream <sream@interart.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/14/96 9:40am  
**Subject:** Phone company charging for Internet Services

I am writing to oppose the charge by phone companies to have access to the Internet. If this charge is something else they can charge us for then why don't you put the cable, Internet and phone all together.

The consumer is already being charged a huge fee by providers for Internet connections. It seems that if the dream of connectivity is to be a true reality then the government will do it's best to allow access to all.

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From: Curtis <cward@stimpy.acofi.edu>  
To: A16.A16(rm8775)  
Date: 11/14/96 10:45am  
Subject: Rulemaking 8775

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to protest any rule allowing phone companies to incrementally charge for usage of standard phone lines for Internet or any other on-line service access.

With the efforts at deregulation, profit and competitive opportunities for phone companies current exist in wide scale and variety. Amending current billing practices to take advantage of the booming Internet-access-over-standard-telephone-lines market is unethical. Phone companies currently charge, as they should, a great deal for leased lines.

This is the primary backbone for the Internet and other large-scale on-line services. Local services do not pay such fees to interconnect their networks, as they have none, and typically do not amass large profits from their operations, in comparison to their large-scale cousins.

Phone companies have failed to provide rock-solid leased line performance to the U.S. on a nationwide scale. Given that these companies have had a near-monopoly of the phone system and could improve it as they chose, I see no reason to offer more incremental (and what would erupt as a large landslide of cash) revenue to the telephone companies for incremental usage of standard phone lines for on-line service access.

Please either respond by e-mail or to my U.S. Postal Mail address below should you have any comments, updates, or concerns regarding this message and Rule 8775.

Thank you,

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**From:** Karl Pritchard <kpritchard@coastalnet.com>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/14/96 2:56pm  
**Subject:** Recent Telephone Company statements re: Internet access time charges

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Recently, the "Baby Bells" have begun making loud noises regarding charging additional fees for Internet access on a time basis. While, as an Internet user, I am not completely unbiased, for the following reasons I feel that this would be unfair.

First, all users must pay a long-distance access charge of \$3.50 per month. The user has never had a voice in either the fairness or the rate of this charge. In addition, all users already pay a pretty hefty fee for monthly local access. With present (and future) multiplexing technology, many, many separate connections can be maintained on one line. Long gone are the days of dedicated lines for residential phones.

Second, the Internet providers are paying a lease fee for the use of the local numbers used. This lease fee already includes any expenses that the telco will incur for its full-time use.

Third, compare this to the original lawsuit filed in the early 1980's by MCI against ATT. MCI was using the ATT long lines to resell time on the lines at a price lower than that charged by ATT to individual subscribers, and ATT wanted a piece of the action. Eventually, not only did MCI win, but this led to the famous Judge Green decision to break up ATT. This situation is exactly the same . . . a service provider is leasing telco lines, and reselling the access service at a lower fee than the local provider would do the same to individual customers.=20

In light of all of the above, one point MUST be observed . . . the local telco sees this as an additional source of very profitable revenue. The proper approach would be: Don't fight them; join them.

If the telco is jealous of the ISPs use of local numbers, then the local telco should start offering the same ISP service on a competitive basis. This should include full price controls on the telco, as they presently have a monopoly on the local access and could easily price the ISPs out of existence.

Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

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